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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

ERIC JOHANNSEN,
JOSEPH SORG,
ERIC BERTRAND, and
DAVID ECKMAN,

Defendants.

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CASE NO.

Title 18, United States
Code, Sections 641 and 2

JUDGE ALDRICH

INTRODUCTION

The Grand Jury charges:

1. At all times material to this Indictment, MOTA Corporation was a prime contractor of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration ("NASA"), providing, among other services, decontamination work, radiation protection, site characterization, soil sampling and removal of radioactive materials in connection with the decommissioning of a nuclear reactor located at the NASA Plum Brook Facility located in Sandusky, Ohio.

2. At all times material to this Indictment, defendant, ERIC JOHANNSEN, was the Project Manager for MOTA Corporation relative to the Plum Brook Decommissioning Project,

and was responsible for approving time and attendance reports and per diem expense claims submitted in connection with the project. Defendants, JOSEPH SORG, ERIC BERTRAND and DAVID ECKMAN, were contract employees of the MOTA Corporation assigned to the Plum Brook Decommissioning Project.

3. Under the terms of their employment contracts, JOHANNSEN, SORG, BERTRAND and ECKMAN were entitled to receive per diem expenses of between \$65.00 and \$75.00 per day, but only if their permanent residences were located more than 50 miles from the NASA Plum Brook facility.

4. According to MOTA Corporation personnel records, ERIC JOHANNSEN, JOSEPH SORG, ERIC BERTRAND and DAVID ECKMAN, each falsely listed "permanent" addresses located more than 50 miles from the NASA Plum Brook facility and submitted fraudulent claims for per diem expenses to which they were not entitled since each defendant had, in fact, established and maintained a "permanent" residence less than 50 miles from NASA Plum Brook.

5. As a result, between May 2003 and March 2008, defendants JOHANNSEN, SORG, BERTRAND and ECKMAN received a combined total of approximately \$347,664.93 in per diem payments to which they were not entitled.

COUNT 1

(Charging defendant, Eric Johannsen)

The Grand Jury further charges:

1. The allegations contained in Introduction paragraphs 1 through 5, are incorporated herein by reference, as if specifically rewritten below.

2. Between on or about May 10, 2003, and on or about February 24, 2007, in the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, and elsewhere, defendant, ERIC JOHANNSEN, did knowingly and willfully embezzle, steal and purloin, and knowingly convert to his own use, approximately \$88,372.19 of the money, funds and credits of the United States or any department or agency thereof.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 641.

COUNT 2

(Charging defendants, Sorg and Johannsen)

The Grand Jury further charges:

1. The allegations contained in Introduction paragraphs 1 through 5, are incorporated herein by reference as if specifically rewritten below.

2. Between on or about October 1, 2005, and on or about March 15, 2008, in the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, and elsewhere, defendant, JOSEPH SORG, did knowingly and willfully embezzle, steal and purloin, and knowingly convert to his own use, and defendant ERIC JOHANNSEN knowingly aided and abetted the embezzling, stealing and purloining of approximately \$51,183.03 of the money, funds and credits of the United States or any department or agency thereof.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 641 and 2.

COUNT 3

(Charging defendants, Bertrand and Johannsen)

The Grand Jury further charges:

1. The allegations contained in Introduction paragraphs 1 through 5, are incorporated herein by reference as if specifically rewritten below.

2. Between on or about May 10, 2003, and on or about March 15, 2008, in the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, and elsewhere, defendant, ERIC BERTRAND, did knowingly and willfully embezzle, steal and purloin, and knowingly convert to his own use, and defendant ERIC JOHANNSEN knowingly aided and abetted the embezzling, stealing and purloining of approximately \$117,719.86 of the money, funds and credits of the United States or any department or agency thereof.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 641 and 2.

COUNT 4

(Charging defendants, Eckman and Johannsen)

The Grand Jury further charges:

1. The allegations contained in Introduction paragraphs 1 through 5, are incorporated herein by reference as if specifically rewritten below.

2. Between on or about June 1, 2003, and on or about April 14, 2007, in the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, and elsewhere, defendant, DAVID ECKMAN, did knowingly and willfully embezzle, steal and purloin, and knowingly convert to his own use, and defendant ERIC JOHANNSEN knowingly aided and abetted the embezzling, stealing and purloining of approximately \$90,389.85 of the money, funds and credits of the United States or any department or agency thereof.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 641 and 2.

A TRUE BILL

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